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Douglas specialises in Criminal and Regulatory Law, with a particular focus on Professional Regulation. He is a much in-demand advocate, popular with instructing solicitors for his straight-forward but comprehensive advice.

Douglas was previously at chambers in London where he built a successful Crime and Regulatory Law practice. He was also previously in-house counsel at Blake Morgan LLP, within their Professional Regulatory team, ranked Band One by Chambers & Partners, and Legal 500.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Douglas lived in South Korea, Turkey and Russia, where he worked as a teacher. He has also worked for human rights groups in Africa and India, working on serious Criminal cases, including torture and rape.

Douglas has a Masters degree in Public International Law. He writes about legal issues, and has guest-lectured on undergraduate and postgraduate Law courses throughout the UK. He has also taught advocacy with the Inns of Court.

EXPERTISE

Regulatory

Douglas specialises in Professional Regulation. He has significant experience in this area having previously been in-house counsel within the Professional Regulatory team at Blake Morgan LLP, ranked Band One by Chambers & Partners, and Legal 500. He has particular experience in Healthcare Regulation, having spent a year on full-time secondment to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

He provides specialist advice and representation to regulatory bodies, and to professionals facing disciplinary proceedings before their respective regulator. He has acted in cases involving a range of professionals, including doctors, surgeons, dentists, pharmacists, opticians, nurses, and midwives.

Douglas is instructed on High Court matters, and in the full range of hearings before regulatory bodies, including principal/substantive hearings, interim orders, substantive order reviews, restoration hearings, and consensual panel determinations.

He is direct access qualified.

Selected cases

NMC v H: Successful defence of male nurse charged with sexual misconduct. Following the evidence of 13 prosecution witnesses, all 10 sexual misconduct charges were found not proven. The panel also cleared the client of abusing patients and harassing a colleague. See the news report for further details.

NMC v B: Successful defence of nurse accused by colleagues of abusing patients. All 11 allegations of abuse found not proven. Panel persuaded to impose light-touch conditions in regard to admitted record keeping matters. See the news report for further details.

NMC v B & R: 7-day hearing in Edinburgh involving alleged misconduct of two nurses following the death of a patient.

NMC v W: 2-week contested lack of competence hearing involving thousands of pages of evidence.

GMC v X: Surgeon accused of misconduct involving clinical failings. (Interim Order).

GMC v A: 6-day hearing involving allegations of dishonesty against a consultant surgeon.

GOC v C: Optician accused of failing to identify risk of brain tumour (sanction review hearing).

GPhC v C: High Court interim order extension application.

GPhC v B: Locum pharmacist accused of dishonestly submitting false invoices.

GPhC v F: Pharmacist charged with dishonest record keeping.

GDC v L: Health impairment case involving dental nurse.

GDC v Z: Dentist accused of misconduct and deficient professional performance. 8-day contested hearing with disputed expert evidence.

Crime

Prior to joining Chambers, Douglas practised at the Criminal Bar in London. He is an experienced Crown Court advocate and has acted in cases attracting national media coverage. He is regularly instructed in cases involving expert evidence and complex legal issues, such as Public Interest Immunity and orders under the Mental Health Act.

Douglas is an expert in Road Traffic Law, and regularly defends motorists in Magistrates' Court and Crown Court matters. He has significant experience arguing exceptional hardship and special reasons

not to disqualify.

Douglas can advise on appeals against conviction and sentence, has appeared successfully before the Parole Board, and has worked on cases at the Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court (Privy Council). He is a Level 2 CPS Panel Advocate and direct access qualified.

Selected Cases

Fraud and Dishonesty Offences

R v H & C: Fraud involving stealing from cash machines, at the Central Criminal Court.

R v X: Defence of youth charged with burglary during riots. Successfully applied to exclude confession evidence leading to Judge granting a half-time submission of no case to answer.

R v P: Successfully prosecuted a burglary trial at Central Criminal Court. Burglary involving forced entry into the home of an elderly, blind woman suffering dementia.

Violent Offences

R v O: Successful defence of an IPP prisoner accused of assaulting four prison officers.

R v A: Successful defence of youth charged with assaulting a police officer outside court.

R v T: GBH trial at Reading Crown Court involving broken arm and permanent scarring.

R v M & M: Gang robberies of schoolchildren, involving threats with knives.

R v C: Firearm offences involving a Newton Hearing.

R v C: Secured hospital order, rather than imprisonment, for a defendant who had repeatedly threatened members of the public with knives.

Sexual Offences

R v H: Rape case involving a youth defendant with autism.

R v P: Successfully opposed the imposition of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Drug Offences

R v U: Importation of cocaine into the UK from Africa.

R v O & O: Husband and wife accused of large scale cannabis production. Trial at Chelmsford Crown Court with legal issues of joint liability.

Road Traffic

R v X: Prosecution of Death by Dangerous Driving, widely reported by local and national media.

R v W: Prosecuted a driver at fault for a collision which hospitalised a family, and resulted in a 10-year-old girl having her leg amputated. The case was reported by the BBC and the Stoke Sentinel.

R v C: Successful defence of lorry driver charged with using a mobile phone whilst driving.

R v M: Successfully raised Exceptional Hardship on behalf of a taxi driver, ensuring no driving ban imposed despite accumulating more than 12 penalty points.

R v B: Successfully argued Special Reasons on the grounds of a medical emergency.

R v H: Successful defence of motorist, found not guilty of a S.172 notice offence.

Regulatory Offences

RSPCA v GS & RM: 12-day appeal against conviction and sentence, at Bradford Crown Court, involving alleged animal cruelty by a vet at his veterinary practice. A complex case involving over 30 animals, 4 expert witnesses, and 11 days of evidence.

GDC v H: Beautician prosecuted under the Dentists Act 1984, for providing teeth whitening services.

Northumberland County Council v S: Farmer charged with Fraud and cattle regulation offences.